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**Nick LeGrande, Who Tossed First Telerobotic First Pitch in MLB History,
Will Throw First Pitch in Person Sunday, July 20
Diagnosed With Rare Blood Disorder, LeGrande Now Cleared Medically to Make Pitch in Oakland**

WHAT: **Nick LeGrande**, who tossed out the **first telerobotic first pitch in Major League Baseball history** at O.co Coliseum last year, will throw the first pitch in person on **Sunday, July 20** before the A's vs. Orioles game.

LeGrande, diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder, threw his telerobotic first pitch June 12, 2013 **from 1,800 miles away** in his hometown of Kansas City, Mo. Nick, now 15, underwent a successful bone marrow transplant the following month, and has since been cleared medically to make the pitch in Oakland.

Prior to his transplant, LeGrande was unable to attend games with live crowds due to his illness. For his telerobotic first pitch, LeGrande and his family were taken to a mini baseball stadium, specially constructed by Google at their Kansas City offices. The location was near both Nick's home and Children's Mercy Hospital, where he received treatment. A pitching machine, meanwhile, sat on the pitcher's mound in Oakland, following Nick's movements and allowing him to make the pitch remotely.

A's reliever **Ryan Cook**, who caught the telerobotic first pitch last year, will catch Nick's first pitch again this year – this time, in person.

WHEN: **Sunday, July 20**
Oakland A's vs. Baltimore Orioles
Ceremonial first pitch scheduled for 12:56 p.m.

WHERE: **O.co Coliseum**
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